

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION FROM
FOREIGN DOCUMENTS OR RADIO BROADCASTS

REPORT

CD NO.

50X1-HUM

COUNTRY	Soviet Zone Germany
SUBJECT	Economic - Agriculture, livestock, industry
HOW PUBLISHED	Daily, semiweekly newspapers
WHERE PUBLISHED	Berlin; Weimar
DATE PUBLISHED	24 May - 28 Jun 1950
LANGUAGE	German

DATE OF INFORMATION 1950

DATE DIST. 29 Aug 1950

NO. OF PAGES 2

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ESPIONAGE ACT 80 U. S. C., 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Newspapers as indicated.

EAST GERMAN LIVESTOCK, SERICULTURE EXPANDED

1950 GOALS SET -- Die Wirtschaft, 15 Jun 50

The following table shows expansion of livestock raising in the German Democratic Republic during the Two-Year Plan (1948 - 1949) and the goal for 1950 (in 1,000 head).

	<u>1947</u> <u>(actual)</u>	<u>Two-Year</u> <u>Plan Goal</u>	<u>1949</u> <u>(actual)</u>	<u>1950</u> <u>Goal</u>	<u>Inc Since</u> <u>1947 (%)</u>
Horses	649.6	721	694.1	721	11
Cattle	2,782.6	3,478	3,310.6	3,650	31
Hogs	2,073.7	3,442	4,315.8	5,700	175
Sheep	685.1	1,096	898.9	1,240	81

LARGE YIELD OF HOG BRISTLES -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 24 May 50.

According to the Sachsen Trade Chamber the yield of hog bristles in Soviet Zone Germany amounted to 100,000 kilograms since the beginning of 1950. In 1949, 300,000 hogskins were supplied to the leather industry of Soviet Zone Germany.

TO EXPAND SERICULTURE -- Taegliche Rundschau, 28 Jun 50.

Thuringen's sericulture ranks lowest among the laender of the German Democratic Republic. Its mulberry trees and bushes are largely in a state of decay. Of the 65,000 mulberry bushes in Thuringen only one third are being used for silkworm culture despite the fact that this culture is of great importance for the German economy. The county of Erfurt-Weissensee has 4,300 mulberry bushes, but only 113 grams of silkworm eggs were set out in 1949.

- 7 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

[illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

Sachsen's silkworm culture presents a more favorable picture. Its 700 silkworm growers plan to quintuple the 400,000 mulberry bushes during the next 5 years. Mecklenburg plans to plant 3 million mulberry bushes and Brandenburg 2.5 million mulberry trees.

To further silkworm culture, Thuringen silkworm growers and representatives of the Jena sericultural station will visit various places in Thuringen and carry out practical demonstrations of silkworm breeding.

TOBACCO GROWERS TO GET CASH PREMIUMS -- Die Wirtschaft, No 24, 15 Jun 50

As of 1 May 1950, tobacco growers will receive cash premiums instead of the customary premiums of tobacco products.

Basic rates and cash premiums per 100 kilograms of tobacco are as follows (in East marks):

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Premium Payment</u>
<u>Air-cured Tobacco</u>		
Stems, loose	135	67
Stems, threaded	210	105
Sand leaves	290	145
Main leaves	250	125
Top leaves	90	30
Sucker leaves	40	10
<u>Fire-cured Tobacco, With Normal Sand Content and Maximum Humidity of 18 Percent</u>		
Yellow tobacco	380	152
Mixed colors	365	146
Brown tobacco	350	140

REFORESTRATION AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Das Volk, No 146, 27 Jun 50

The Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry of the German Democratic Republic reported that an area of 76,290 hectares had been reforested as of 31 May 1950. Land Brandenburg reported that it had fulfilled its reforestation plan 102 percent on 31 May 1950, while Sachsen reported 107 percent fulfillment. Forty percent of the annual quota was reforested during May in the mountainous regions of Sachsen and Thuringen where, because of climatic conditions, forestation is generally carried out later in the season.

TRACTOR OUTPUT INCREASED -- Fahrt frei, 26 May 50

The People-owned Horch Plant in Zwickau produced 400 tractors during the first quarter 1950, i.e., 50 tractors in excess of the planned quota.

- E N D -

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL